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## Damaged Historic Adobe Building Secured for the Winter

Red Bluff, Calif.—California State Parks has secured the Ide Adobe Building in [William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park](#) with a metal and wood structure shell to protect it for the upcoming winter. The building was severely damaged in July 2014, when a 400 year old tree collapsed. Several tree limbs fell on the historic Adobe building, which acts as a museum with a significant collection of historical artifacts, causing its closure for public safety purposes.

“We felt it was imperative to preserve the integrity of this historical building, and so we had our District engineer design a ‘shell’ to help protect the building through the harsh winter months,” said District Superintendent Aaron Wright. “This is a temporary solution that will allow us to continue with restorative repairs, and also eliminate the need to excavate what could be this culturally sensitive ground.”

The steel and wood shell was installed around the Adobe building earlier this month. The foundation was anchored to the inside of the Adobe and will leave no permanent damage to the structure once it is removed. All the walls of the adobe – both inside and out – have been stabilized to keep them from bowing any further than they initially did with the impact of the limb falling on them. This structure will shelter the Adobe through the winter months.

On July 15, 2014, the historic and popular 400-year old oak, considered to be a staple of the Ide Adobe State Historic Park, collapsed without notice. The tree branches not only damaged the Adobe but also smashed the corral, demolished the well, knocked

down part of the roof, deck, doors and windows on the woodshop, destroyed the garden fence and damaged a corner of the smokehouse.

A State forester, along with a local certified arborist, determined that what remained of the Heritage Valley Oak was for the most part structurally sound. Acting upon their recommendation State Park personnel contracted a local tree company to trim the branches back to sound wood. The tree will be left standing to provide it an opportunity to recover and be enjoyed for many years.

Since the collapse of the oak, State Parks staff has been diligently working to re-open the historic area.

“It’s an ongoing process, and we would like to thank all of our supporters, visitors and partners for their help and concern for the Park,” added Wright. “

For park updates please contact the Ide Adobe Park at (530) 529-8599.

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